

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self Nomination Form

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Please send this completed form, and a photo of yourself as a separate attachment to vicki.davis@arumc.org by **April 15, 2015**.



Membership:

Clergy (*Clergy Member in Full Connection - Para. 35, 2012 Book of Discipline.*)

Lay (*A professing member of the United Methodist Church for at least two years preceding their election; and an active participant in the United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding their election; and a member of a church within the Arkansas Annual Conference - Para. 36, 2012 Book of Discipline. Lay delegates need not be voting members of the Annual Conference to be elected.*)

District:

Please select your district. Northwest District

Church:

What is your local church? Central-Fayetteville

Commitment as a Delegate and Christian Conferencing Guidelines:

I have read and accept the [Christian Conferencing Guidelines](#).

Yes

No

Share your reasons for wanting to be a delegate.

My greatest desire is recovering our Wesleyan heritage of offering Christ to the world and joining in God's kingdom work. The delegates of General Conference play a tremendous role in the direction and focus of the local church and Methodism on a global scale. I would like to see a greater emphasis on: practicing the means of grace; holistic missions focusing on the whole person; starting believing communities in places where believing communities don't exist (or have left for "greener pastures"); restructuring our current system and funding to allow more resources to be utilized in the communities of the local church; and simplifying the process of entering into licensed and ordained ministry.

Please limit to 150 words.

What leadership experiences have you had in the church or community that will help you do the work of the delegation?

I grew up in a small United Methodist Church in Northeast Arkansas and have served in a small church setting, as well as a large church setting. Currently, I lead a large multi-site church staff at Central, Genesis, and soon-to-be Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry sites. I am well acquainted with the needs, challenges, and opportunities of both small, mid-sized, and large churches. I have also served on the staff of a Wesley Foundation. I've served on the Conference Nominating Committee, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Vision Team. Currently, I serve as the Conference Chair of the Board of Discipleship, the University of Arkansas Wesley Foundation Advisory Board, a Circuit Elder, and a mentor for a few candidates entering into licensed and ordained ministry.

Please limit to 150 words.

Share three (3) areas crucial to The United Methodist Church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:

- (1) Intentional discipleship within the local church by inviting people beyond the worship service into small groups focused on the means of grace for transformation and for people to hear God's call upon their lives to be engaged in the priesthood of all believers and live out their membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
- (2) Starting believing communities where believing communities do not already exist, or tragically they've chosen to leave.
- (3) Offering Christ through holistic mission and invitational evangelism by serving the physical and spiritual needs.

Please limit to 150 words.

What are three (3) issues emerging from those areas you stated above:

- (1) The local church must be the heartbeat of the United Methodist Church. This means realigning our priorities and restructuring our resources at the general level which are not resourcing the local church and, in fact, are inhibiting the local church from their full potential in their ministry contexts.
- (2) The United Methodist Church must align resources to train and equip pastors to start new faith communities to reach younger generations, as well as free up resources to assist in funding these new faith communities, as well as making the process of entering vocational ministry less complicated for young clergy.
- (3) The United Methodist Church must recover our Wesleyan missional witness of reaching the forgotten, marginalized, and those with no faith affiliation, both locally and globally.

Please limit to 150 words.